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H. R. 1926

To provide for the protection of the flag of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 27, 1995

Mr. THORNTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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States.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Flag Protection Act
5 of 1995”.

6 **SEC. 2. FLAG PROTECTION.**

7 Each copy of the flag of the United States that is
8 intended to be displayed as a flag and is made after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act shall belong to the people
10 of the United States and be held in trust for them by the
11 Government of the United States. The United States

1 therefore has a property interest in each such copy, and
2 such copies are subject to rules and regulations made
3 under section 3 of article IV of the Constitution of the
4 United States. On this basis, the Secretary of the Treas-
5 ury is authorized to make rules for the use and disposition
6 of such copies. Such rules shall allow for the sale and
7 transfer of the rights to possess and use such copies. Any
8 damage to or destruction of such a copy that is in violation
9 of such rules is a depredation against the property of the
10 United States for the purposes of section 1361 of title 18,
11 United States Code.

